

Friday, July 2, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 22157-22169, 22194-22282

Bills Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3654-3663. Page 22195

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 5465, to revise retirement benefits for certain employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service who are not entitled to Indian preference (S. Rept. 94-1029);

H.R. 3650, to clarify the law with respect to civil service annuities and pay upon reemployment (S. Rept. 94-1030);

Part 2 of S. Rept. 94-998, special report of Committee on Aging entitled "Developments in Aging: 1975 and January-May 1976". Page 22195

Bills Passed:

Radio Free Europe Coverage of Olympics: By unanimous vote of 74 yeas, Senate agreed to S. Res. 413, expressing the sense of the Senate that Radio Free Europe be granted the same privileges granted to other news organizations covering the Olympic games, after agreeing to Ribicoff unprinted amendment No. 182, directing that a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the International Olympic Committee. Pages 22169-22174

Public Works and Economic Development: By 79 yeas to 2 nays, Senate passed S. 2228, authorizing funds to extend through fiscal year 1979 the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, after agreeing to committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which had been at first amended by adoption of the following three amendments:

(1) Domenici unprinted amendment No. 183, to remove the funding ceiling on Title V Regional Commissions for their energy demonstrations activities; Page 22180

(2) Montoya amendment No. 1992, granting discretionary authority to the Secretary of Commerce in section 701 of the Act to reobligate funds previously obligated for projects which cannot be initiated or completed; and Page 22180

(3) Montoya amendment No. 1991, having the effect of adding the job opportunities program as a standby anti-recession measure to EDA's regular programs. Page 22180

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National Forest Lands: Senate passed with committee amendment and sent to the House S. 2125, to provide for the issuance of permits on public domain national forest lands for commercial outdoor recreation facilities and activities. Pages 22189-22192

Cotton Research: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for the White House, H.R. 10930, repealing authority of Commodity Credit Corporation to finance cotton research and promotion programs of Cotton, Inc., and to authorize a referendum among producers to finance such research and promotion programs. Page 22192

Postal Reorganization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 474, waiving provisions of section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to Senate consideration of H.R. 8603, proposed Postal Reorganization Act Amendments. Pages 22192-22193

California food stamp benefits: Senate took from desk, passed and sent to the House S. 3656, to authorize California to elect not to implement the Food Stamp program for beneficiaries of Supplemental Security Income but to provide instead for a higher level of State supplementary benefits. Pages 22282-22283

Social Security Benefits: Senate receded from its amendments to H.R. 14484, to make permanent the existing temporary authority for reimbursement of States for interim assistance payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act, thus clearing the measure for the White House. Page 22282

Military Construction Appropriations: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 14235, making appropriations for military construction for fiscal year 1977. Senate agreed to the House amendment to Senate amendment No. 6, thus clearing the measure for the White House. Pages 22174-22175

Bill Held at Desk: H.R. 13679, to provide assistance to Guam, was received and ordered to be held at the desk. Page 22194

Subjects on the Table: By unanimous consent several measures were removed from the calendar and placed under Subject on the Table. Page 22189

Message From the House: Senate received one message from the House today. Page 22194

Amendments Submitted for Printing:

Pages 22080-22091, 22204-22206

Bill Placed on Calendar: Committee on Government Operations was discharged from the further consideration of S. 2715, permitting awards of reasonable attorney's fees in proceedings before Federal regulatory agencies, and the bill was placed on the Senate calendar. Page 22195

Tax Reform: H.R. 10612, proposed Tax Reform Act of 1976, was laid aside until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20.

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Watergate Reform: Senate laid down and made its pending business S. 495, to establish Federal offices to implement certain reforms in the Federal Government.

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Presidential Message: Senate received a message from the President transmitting Eighth Annual Report on the administration of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act—referred to Committee on Commerce.

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Housing Programs: By unanimous consent leadership was authorized to call up on Tuesday, July 20, conference report on S. 3295, extending certain programs under the National Housing Act, with time limitation for debate thereon of 1 hour.

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Committee Meetings: Leadership announced its policy with regard to the holding of committee meetings during sessions of the Senate following the July recess.

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Subcommittee Authority To Sit: Labor Subcommittee on Health and Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure were authorized to sit during sessions of the Senate until 1 p.m. on Monday, July 19, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, July 20.

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Senate Authorizations: During the forthcoming adjournment of the Senate until July 19, the Vice President, President pro tempore and acting President pro tempore are authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions, and the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the House of Representatives.

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Medicare Extension: Senate receded from its amendment to H.R. 13501, to extend or remove certain time limitations and to make other administrative improvements in the conduct of the medicare program, thus clearing the measure for the White House.

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Presidential Message: Senate received a message from the President transmitting proposed budget rescission in the amount of \$250,000 appropriated in the Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1976, for establishment of the Office of Drug Abuse Policy—referred to Committee on Appropriations.

Committee Authority To File: All committees are authorized to file reports during the forthcoming July recess between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 15.

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Confirmations: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John W. Snow, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration;

J. Blaine Anderson, of Idaho, to be United States circuit judge for the ninth circuit;

J. Waldo Ackerman, to be United States district judge for the southern district of Illinois; and

One Air Force in the rank of General.

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Nominations: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Eden, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce;

Eloise E. Clark, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation; and

Numerous nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Pages 22353–22376

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today (total—384).

Pages 22173, 22184–22185

Adjournment: Senate met at 8 a.m. and, in accordance with provisions of H. Con. Res. 669, adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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Committee Meetings

TRIP REPORT AND SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance met to receive a report from Robert Mantel, staff member, and Geoffrey Kemp, consultant, on their recent trip to Iran. Also, subcommittee discussed future subcommittee activities, but made no announcements and recessed subject to call.

TEAMSTER PENSION FUND

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Labor in closed session, continued oversight hearings on the investigation of the Central States Teamsters pension fund by the Departments of Labor and Justice, receiving further testimony from James D. Hutchinson, Administrator, Pension Welfare Benefits Programs, Department of Labor; and Rudolph W. Giuliani, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, both of whom were accompanied by their associates.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 14695–14700; 2 private bills, H.R. 14701 and 14702; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1019–1021 were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

Report entitled "A Review of the Environmental Economic and International Aspects of the Garrison Diversion Unit, North Dakota" (H. Rept. 94-1335);

H.R. 14291, to provide for an elective Governor and Lieutenant Governor of American Samoa (H. Rept. 94-1336); and

H.R. 12939, to amend certain laws affecting personnel of the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 94-1337). Page 22156

Late Reports: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct received permission to file a report by midnight Friday, July 16, on the investigations of the charges against Representative Sikes;

Committee on Government Operations received permission to file a report by midnight Saturday, July 3, entitled "A Review of the Environmental Economic and International Aspects of the Garrison Diversion Unit, North Dakota";

Conferees received permission to file a conference report by midnight tonight on H.R. 13655, to establish a 5-year research and development program leading to advanced automobile propulsion systems;

Committee on Science and Technology received permission to file a report by midnight tonight on H.R. 13676, to establish in the Energy Research and Development Administration an Energy Extension Service to oversee development and administration of State plans for the development, demonstration, and analysis of energy conservation opportunities;

Conferees received permission to file a conference report by midnight tonight on H.R. 8800, to authorize the Energy Research and Development Administration a Federal program of research, development, and demonstration designed to promote electric vehicle technologies;

Committee on the Judiciary received permission to file reports by midnight Friday, July 16, on H.R. 9182, to require the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Agriculture, to compile information and annually report to the Congress with respect to antitrust enforcement and market structure; and

H.R. 13489, to amend the Antitrust Civil Process Act to increase the effectiveness of discovery in civil antitrust investigations. Page 22143

Adjournment: Adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Committee Meetings**TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE**

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Public Lands held a hearing on auditing review of the X-rays of the welds in the Trans-Alaska pipeline. Testimony was heard from Assistant Secretary of Interior John Kyl.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittees on DISPA, and on Energy Research, Development and Demonstration continued joint hearings on international cooperation in energy research and development. Testimony was heard from Dr. Steven Gage, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Energy, Minerals and Industry, EPA; and Philip S. Hughes, Assistant Comptroller General of the United States.

Joint Committee Meeting**EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for June, receiving testimony from Janet L. Norwood, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

Monday, July 19, 1976

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Routine Proceedings, pages 22555-22633

Bills Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 3664-3669; and S. Res. 487.

Pages 22575, 22579

Bills Reported:

Reports filed on July 2, 1976:

S. 3664, to amend the Securities Exchange Act so as to require issuers of certain securities to maintain accurate records, and to prohibit certain bribes (S. Rept. 94-1031);

Filed on July 15, 1976:

S. 1026, designating as wilderness portions of 17 National Wildlife Refuge areas in 12 States, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1032);

H.R. 9460, to provide for the establishment of a constitution for the Virgin Islands, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1033);

H.R. 9491, to provide for the establishment of a constitution for Guam, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1034);

S. 3197, establishing procedures for electronic surveillance in the area of foreign intelligence, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1035) (referred to Select Committee on Intelligence for not to exceed 30 days);